

REMARKS:

The examiner required an election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Accordingly, applicant elects species C, Figures 6,7A,7B,8,13. Claims 38,42,45, and added claims 59-72 are readable on species C and now pending in this application. Claims 1-37,39-41,43,44, and 46-58 are cancelled. Claim 38 has been amended to be placed in independent form. Also, language was deleted from claim 38 to remove unnecessary limitations and for better form. Claims 42 and 45 have also been amended for better form. The changes were **not** intended to narrow the scope of claims.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

It is believed that the original and newly entered claims distinguish over the prior art of record. Examination and early allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the claims:

Claims 1-37, 39-41, 43,44, and 46-58 have been canceled.

Claim 38 has been amended as follows:

38. (Amended) A detecting system for a suction cleaner, comprising:

a moisture sensor mounted to the cleaner and positioned to detect the moisture level of a floor surface;

a circuit electrically connected to the moisture sensor for generating a control signal in response to the detected moisture level of the floor surface;

[a moisture indicator system as set forth in claim 1, including]

a tank removably mounted to said suction cleaner for containing liquid;

a second sensor mounted to the cleaner to detect when the liquid of said tank reaches a predetermined level; and

wherein said circuit is electrically connected to the second sensor for generating a second control signal in response to the detected liquid level of said tank[; and]

[a second device responsive to the control signal for indicating when the liquid of said tank reaches a predetermined level].

Claim 42 has been amended as follows:

42. (Amended) The detecting [moisture indicator] system of claim 38, wherein the circuit includes a microprocessor for comparing the first mentioned control signal to a threshold.

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Claim 45 has been amended as follows:

45. (Amended) The detecting [moisture indicator] system as set forth in claim 38, wherein said second sensor is a pressure switch responsive to a pressure level associated with said predetermined liquid level in said tank.